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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 1, 2008 ("the August 1, 2008 Office Action") in which pending claims 23, 24 and 26-57 were rejected.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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